for human consumption and for lifting ban on sale of Kesari Dal; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is being examined by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

Payment of Dues by the National Seeds Corporation

1735. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum dated the 29th June, 1991 addressed to the Prime Minister from M|s. Ring Road Carriers, Bhiwani regarding non payment of their dues by the National Seeds Corporation for the job they had executed for them for the period December, 1986 to February, 1987;

(b) whether their case is being re-examined in the light of facts and arguments given by the said Transporters in their representation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The matter has been re-examined. The claim for waiver of penalty imposed on the firm for the delayed delivery of the seed in 1987, has already been considered by the Management of the National Seeds Corporation (NSC). The imposition of penalty was done in accordance with the agreed terms and conditions of the agreement. Since the Corporation had suffered huge losses on account of the default of the transporter, it will not be appropriate for the Government of India to intervene in the matter, which was of a purely commercial nature.

Transfer of Government Accommodation to the Wards of Retired Employees

1736. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether rules permit transfer of a Government accommodation from a retired Government employee to his dependent also a Government employee;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any request for transfer of a quarter No. B-7/100, Lodi Colony, New Delhi has been received; and

(d) if so, whether the request for transfer of the said quarter has been conceded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) A Government employee is entitled to allotment of the accommodation next below his entitled type on grounds of retirement of his father|mother provided he is otherwise eligible under the allotment rules for such an allotment. In case the accommodation already in occupation of the family of the retired allottee falls next below the entitled type of accommodation of the dependent, the same accommodation is regularised.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The request cannot be acceded because the dependent being a teacher employed in Delhi Admn. is not eligible for allotment of accommodation from the General Pool.

1737. [*Transferred to* 31 *July*, 1991]

Settlement of dues of Railway contractor

1738. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:—

(a) whether a case of settlement of dues of a Railway contractor of Sahibganj, Eastern Railway for the work be

had undertaken for the Railways during 1985-1988 is pending since long;

(b) whether steps have been taken to settle the dues of the said railway contractor;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) A contractor of Sahibganj by name Shri S. S. Ghosh has lodged claims with the Eastern Railway for works allegedly executed by him.

(b) to (d) The contractor was asked by the Eastern Railway to substantiate his claims, but the contractor has not done so.

Demands of CPWD Workers

1739. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a memorandum dated 10th July, 1991 from CPWD Employees Workers' Union, Madras regarding various problems of Group C and D staff of CPWD regarding their pending settlement;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to settle their problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) The main demand of this (unrecognised) union in the memorandum is for creation of posts of supporting staff for the newly opened offices, as a result of the first cadre review of Group 'A' Engineering services of the CPWD. A proposal for creation of posts of supporting staff had been taken up, a decision thereon had been deferred pending finalisation of revised workload norms by the SIU.

Memorandum submitted by Southern Construction Workers' Union, Cochin

1740. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a memorandum dated 24th June, 1991 from Southern Railway Construction Workers' Union, Ernakulam, Cochin, addressed to the Executive Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway, Ernakulam, regarding their strike notice dated the 1st March, 1991;

(b) if so, what are their demands; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to settle them to avoid strike

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is attached. (See below)

(c) Assistant Labour Commissioner (Central), Ernakulam has already started conciliation proceedings, under the Industrial Disputes Act.

Statement

Demands

The demands made in the memorandum are given below in brief:

1. High rate of pay on re-engagement (Mr. K. G. Chandrasekharan Pillai and others—total 27).

2. 20 days of absence—revision of wages (Mr. P. BALAKRISHNAN and others—total 5).

3. Employees with 6 months continuous service—temporary status.
Difference of wages on C.P.C scale to be granted (Mr. A. C. Cheriyan and others—total 64).

4. Gangman disparity in wages (Mr. V. R. Balakrishnan and others —total 57).

5. Re-engaged employees—difference of wages to be granted to (Mr. G. Mohanan and others—total 30).